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From: Rosemarie Ives, Mayor

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RE: Redmond in the Region: Highlights of Regional Activities

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

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III. BACKGROUND

As a follow-up to the City Council's retreat and interest in regional issues, Council was provided staff reports on regional issues on May 18th and October 5th 2004. These reports highlighted the City's regional efforts in three areas: (1) operational partnerships among jurisdictions for the efficient delivery of services, (2) suburban cities' collaboration on issues of mutual interest, and (3) a recap of the regional committees on which Redmond is represented and other regional updates. Related to these activities, the reports also noted emerging issues that may be coming to Council for consideration in the future.

IV. RECENT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CITY'S REGIONAL EFFORTS

Recent highlights of the City's regional efforts are summarized below:

A. Operational Partnerships Among Jurisdictions for Efficient Delivery of Services

- Emergency Response: Eastside Fire and Rescue is the lead agency for development and implementation of the "*Public Safety Portal for Northeast King County*", a web based information management program for emergency responders. A Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$697,000 has been obtained to develop and implement a secure public safety portal, which will

facilitate the sharing of information across jurisdictions and among all functional disciplines (fire, law enforcement, EMS, etc.) in Zone 1 (King County is divided into three geographic zones – northeast, south and Seattle).

The goal of the project is for participants to share event status information, view/catalog/track damage and patient status, and communicate the event management plan during an emergency. Participants include fire and law enforcement agencies, associated emergency management departments, Northshore Utility District, South King County Medic One, and Overlake, Evergreen and Eastside Group Health hospitals. Grant money will fund computer hardware, software licenses (for 200 users for 2005), credentialing, and data hosting and integration services. Redmond police and fire are part of the interjurisdictional team responsible for developing this grant and developing and implementing the portal project.

- Public Safety and Fire Services: Continuation of the regional training consortium, among Kirkland, Redmond and Woodinville, and Advanced Life Support services for Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville, Duvall and Fall City ("consortium cities"). The Redmond Fire Department is coordinating the receipt of grant money on behalf of consortium cities for the following: patient tracking and credentialing (implement a web based national tracking system and credentialing system of medical service providers who do not work in Redmond and for whom credential information would not otherwise be available in an emergency), purchase of ten self-contained breathing apparatus, purchase of medical caches of antidotes for responders, and drills/table-top exercises to prepare for emergency events.
- Public Safety and Police Services: Redmond, Kirkland and Bellevue Police Departments are sharing information by jointly using a record management system and a software program called COPLINK; this is a program that searches databases in record systems for names, evidence, locations, etc. and finds associations, which are then used in analysis to help police identify criminals and criminal activity. The joint use of the record management system and program enables each of the jurisdictions to have more information available to enable analysis benefiting each jurisdiction.
- Transit Center and TOD: Planning Department partnering with Public Works, King County METRO, and Sound Transit to design a new downtown transit center and transit-oriented development and new pedestrian-friendly design for NE 83rd Street. Financing has been secured from Sound Transit and federal grants. The transit center, which will be designed and built by King County Metro, will include on-street bus loading and bus layover facilities. The county owns the 4.8-acre Redmond Park-and-Ride lot adjacent to the new transit center site. The county is seeking a Request for Proposal (RFP) which will involve selling air rights for residential development above a new park-and-ride garage.

A second RFP, for the adjacent 3.5 acre parcel of land, will be focused on a mixed-use TOD which will include housing and retail.

B. Suburban Cities Collaboration on issues of Mutual Interest

- Solid Waste: In July 2004 the King County Council approved an ordinance identifying the tasks and process for development of a plan for the solid waste system upon closure of the Cedar Hills landfill in 2012. This plan must be transmitted from the King County Executive to the King County Council in December 2005, and will be followed by an update of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan in 2007.

The Council adopted ordinance created the "*Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee*" (MSWMAC), consisting of a representative and alternate from each city with a solid waste interlocal agreement with King County. The purpose of the committee is to advise the King County Executive and Council on matters relating to solid waste, and to participate in the development of the waste export system plan. Currently sixteen cities have appointed a combination of elected officials and staff to the committee. Jon Spangler is the City of Redmond representative and Nina Rivkin is the City's alternate representative. MSWMAC held its first meeting in January, and will meet monthly throughout the year. Jean Garber, a city councilmember from Newcastle, was elected chair of MSWMAC, and Joan McGilton, a city councilmember from Burien, was elected vice-chair of MSWMAC. The committee is focusing its work effort this year on development of the waste export system plan.

- Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee: As part of the re-organization of SCA, a Public Issues Committee was created to review and develop policy positions and make recommendations on policy positions to the Board of Directors. The committee consists of one elected representative and alternate from each city; Mayor Ives is the City's representative and Councilmember McCormick is the alternate representative. The committee elected Pete Lewis, Mayor of Auburn, as chair. The committee has reviewed the top issues of concern to cities; many of these issues need to be addressed by the legislature. The committee will be prioritizing top issues for SCA involvement.
- Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Strategic Visioning Task Force: A task force has been convened to draft a vision, values and mission statement for membership approval at the annual meeting this November. The Task Force is chaired by Jim Pearman, Mercer Island city councilmember, and the members of the Task Force are Dave Hutchinson, Mayor of Lake Forest Park, and Dean McColgan, Mayor of Federal Way. Comments on a proposed vision, values and mission statement are requested by April 15th.

Proposed Vision Statement: To be the most dynamic, respected, influential, and effective organization representing the suburban cities of King County.

Proposed Values Statement: SCA aspires to create an environment that fosters respect, trust, honesty, fairness and integrity. SCA operates in a consistent, inclusive, and transparent manner that respects the diversity of our members and encourages open discussion and innovation.

Proposed Mission Statement, which is the current mission statement: To lead suburban cities in King County, WA that act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities through advocacy, education, leadership, mutual support and networking.

- King County District Court Operational Master Plan: As Council is aware, the County is currently developing an Operational Master Plan (OMP) for King County District Court. This plan will guide the delivery of district court services throughout the county as well as services provided to contract cities. The current court contract, which runs from January 2005 – December 2006, provides that a future court contract will be based on this OMP. A steering committee, consisting of representatives from the County Executive's office, King County Council, District Court and contract cities, is providing oversight for development of the OMP (staff from the cities of Redmond, Bellevue, Shoreline and Burien serve on this committee).

Even though the OMP is still being developed, a decision has already been made by the county that the future vision of District Court includes services to cities; a letter to this effect has been sent to all contract cities, signed by the County Executive, Chair of the King County Council, and Presiding Judge of District Court. The Steering Committee is also recommending that existing facilities continue to be used for court services, with consolidation of facilities that exist in the same city (consolidate the Aukeen facility and Regional Justice Center, both located in Kent), and flexibility in providing services and facilities for court customers.

The OMP is scheduled to be finalized in early April, followed by review and approval by the King County Council. The current expectation is that a long-term contract will be negotiated between the cities and county by June of this year. A Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for District Court, based on the OMP, is scheduled to be developed by the county by the end of 2005. Cities will have the opportunity to be involved in development of this FMP as well.

C. Regional and Multi-Jurisdictional Committees

- Regional Transit Committee: King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer was named chair of the committee as part of the King County Council 2005 reorganization; Councilmember Von Reichbauer replaces recently elected Attorney General Rob McKenna as chair. Councilmember Tom Paine continues to serve on the committee. Committee work this year includes annual review and approval of financial policies, review of a waterborne transit report (Elliot Bay water taxi pilot project and other water-transit possibilities), and the discussion of transit fare policy for 2006 decision-making and smart card implementation.
- Regional Water Quality Committee: King Councilmember Steve Hammond continues to chair the committee this year. Committee work for 2005 includes completion of the 3-year review of the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP), review the annual sewer rate and capacity charge, and numerous briefings and updates. The committee will be briefed on inflow/infiltration (I/I) pilot projects report (evaluation of I/I pilot rehabilitation projects) and Needs Assessment and Alternative/Options report. Additional briefings will provide status reports on the progress implementing recommendations from a wastewater facilities asset management audit report, phased improvements to West Point and South Treatment Plants and management of biosolids at these treatment facilities, and implementation and results of pilot projects for a Productivity Initiative for capital projects.
- Regional Policy Committee: King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson continues to chair the committee this year. Mayor Ives continues to serve as an alternate on the committee. The King County Charter and rules of the County Council provide for the Council to adopt by ordinance a work program for this committee it is the only committee that was created with jurisdiction for numerous subject matters. The 2005 adopted work program includes the following priority issues: Health and Human Services, Annexations, Criminal Justice Operational Master Plans, including District Courts and Jails, Solid Waste and Emergency Medical Services. The work program also identifies numerous other countywide issues for referral or review by the committee.
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC): The Growth Management and Transportation Policy Boards are working with PSRC staff to develop alternative growth distributions, transportation strategies and the EIS for Vision 2020 +20, the four-county plan that guides our regional and local transportation planning and funding. The Growth Management Policy Board is chaired by Connie Marshall, Mayor of Bellevue, and Councilmember Richard Cole is a voting member; the Board has directed staff to prepare 'environmentally ambitious' development alternatives. The underlying question is how the region can accommodate growth without further damaging the environment, or reverse past damage.

For the alternatives, staff is looking at a radical concentration model, putting 35% of forecast growth into the 5 Regional Centers (Seattle, Bellevue, Tacoma, Everett, and Bremerton). A second alternative will look at putting that same level of growth into the 24 designated centers. The resulting information will not likely result in regulations, but in information and policies that guide where the region invests any transportation funds. Roberta Lewandowski attends Regional Staff Committee and Transportation Policy Board meetings representing 'King County Other Cities'. Councilmember Nancy McCormick is a member of the Executive Committee, which oversees all the work of the Policy Boards and staff.

- Sound Transit: The Sound Transit Board is scheduled to adopt an updated Regional Transit Long-Range Plan (LRP) on June 23, 2005; the current LRP was initially adopted in 1996. Redmond elected officials and staff are working with elected officials and staff from other jurisdictions to amend the LRP map to include High Capacity Transit (HCT) on SR 520; the LRP map currently includes HCT on I-90 but not on SR 520. In addition, the City is advocating for a regional express bus service between Redmond and Issaquah by way of Sammamish that will extend to Overlake. The Sound Transit Board will review and discuss draft amendments on April 14th, with final action on June 23rd. Once the updated LRP is adopted, Sound Transit will begin its next phase of regional projects, known as Phase 2.
- Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP): Councilmembers John Resha and Jim Robinson represent Redmond at ETP and Mayor Ives continues to serve as an alternate. During the first quarter of the year, ETP continues work on the development of the Sound Transit Long-Range Plan, preparation for Sound Transit Phase 2, and legislative issues before the current session of the Washington Legislature. Redmond elected officials and staff are working with ETP members to recommend to the Sound Transit Board an amendment to the LRP to include HCT on SR 520.
- Water Resource Inventory Area (WIRA 8): Mayor Ives continues to serve on the WIRA 8 Steering Committee. The steering committee has developed a draft Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan, which has been presented to the WIRA 8 Forum for approval. The proposed plan, finalized February 25, 2005, contains recommendations for actions to restore and protect salmon habitat and an approach for implementing these actions over the next ten years. Though approval process is not well defined, it will likely include some endorsement of the plan actions and forwarding of the plan to the State Shared Strategy effort for inclusion in the State plan by June of this year. The plan will be negotiated with federal agencies to determine what state and federal level of support can be secured for implementation. Cities within WIRA 8 will be expected to ratify the plan. Additional updates will be provided to the Council as the WIRA 8 Forum evaluates the proposed plan for approval.

D. Other Updates

- King County Comprehensive Plan Update/Perrigo Park: King County adopted an amendment to its comprehensive plan in September 2004 to include Perrigo Park within the Urban Growth Area (UGA). The county adopted corresponding amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) in February of this year. Cities have 90 days to ratify these amendments. Upon ratification, the City can begin the process to annex Perrigo Park in order to provide services to this park property.
- Marymoor Park: As the Mayor has previously updated the Council, upcoming events at Marymoor Park in the coming months include the Pacific Rim Sports Summit (archery, cycling and softball events are scheduled for June 9-12) and the summer concert series (dates/artists to be announced in mid-April). As the City has done in prior years, a neighborhood meeting will be convened so that King County staff can address residents' concerns prior to the busy summer event season.
- In a related development, the King County Landmarks Commission denied King County's application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for changes to the historic district at Marymoor Park for the summer concert series. King County Parks has submitted a revised application for changes to the historic district for the 2005 concert series only. A hearing is scheduled for March 31st on this application, with no decision by the Landmarks Commission as of this writing.

APPROVED FOR COUNCIL AGENDA:

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Date: 03/29/2005